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Status of Regulation

The regulation of interior designers has been progressing smoothly. Application processing seems to be working well and there have not been any problems relating to exam requirements, experience requirements, or reciprocal registration requirements. The Department recently received the first consumer complaint against an interior designer; however, a review of our records showed that the person complained against was not a registered interior designer. Therefore, the Department had no jurisdiction over the person and did not open an investigation.

Advisory Committee

As you will note by reviewing the list of committee members printed below, we now have a few open slots for membership. If you are interested in being

**INTERIOR DESIGNERS ADVISORY
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on the committee, please send a letter to Secretary Marlene Cummings and indicate your interest. The committee meets as needed to advise the Department and share information. However, we would like to meet at least once a year, so committee members and Department staff can share information and ascertain that we are keeping abreast of interior design issues and potential problems. If specific issues arise which must be immediately addressed, the Department would call the committee together and meet as often as is necessary to adequately respond to the situation.

Continuing Education

The next deadline for mandatory continuing education requirements is July 31, 2000. In order to renew in a timely manner for the 2000-2002 biennium, most registered interior designers must complete 9 hours of an approved educational program by the deadline stated above. They may complete the education after the renewal date; however, their registration will not be renewed until they have completed the education and they will be required to pay a \$25 late filing fee, in addition to the regular renewal fee. This continuing education requirement does not apply to a person who is initially registered less than 6 month before their first renewal date.

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FIDER Moves to Single Set of Standards

The Foundation for Interior Design Education Research (FIDER) announced in February 1999 that it would be moving to a single set of standards for evaluating post-secondary interior design programs. For the past ten plus years, separate standards have been used to evaluate professional level programs (program length of 120 semester credit hours or four years) and pre-professional assistant programs (program length of 60 semester credit hours or two years.). The new standards describe the knowledge, skills and attributes required by the field to prepare for entry into the profession of interior design. The total credit hour requirement is being eliminated. As the next step, the FIDER Board proposes to make a significant change in the eligibility requirements for accreditation under the *Professional Standards 2000*, to be published in January 2000.

ASID Announces Termination of AIA Accord

In early June, the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) announced that it would no longer honor the December 1989 accord with the American Institute of Architects (AIA). It stated that the 1989 accord failed to achieve its stated objectives. ASID stated that a satisfactory level of teaming and comfort often exists between the two professions; however, this is not true for the two associations. It also stated that relationships between interior designers and architects continue to deteriorate at the state level as a result of negative statements made by architects before legislators about interior designers. It stated that, at the national level, AIA has indicated a desire for a positive relationship with ASID. However, it concluded, both organizations

should ensure such relationships are strong and positive, particularly at the state level.

Telephone Directory

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(608) 266-5511

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Wisconsin Statutes and Code

Copies of the Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Rules Relating to the Regulation of Interior Designers can be ordered from the Department. Include your name, address, county and a check payable to the Department of Regulation and Licensing in the amount of \$5.28. The latest edition is dated November, 1997.